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AMENDED CLAIMS APPENDIX

Claim 9 (Pending) A unitary cover for upholstered chairs and sofas comprising: a hollow shell of resilient fabric having a peripheral edge; an elastic member for contracting said edge to maintain said cover upon an engaged article of furniture, said cover including a plurality of interconnected panels overlying a rectangular cushion forming part of said article, said panels including a rear panel having first and second parts lying in separate planes disposed at a mutual angle to provide a degree of excess material in an area at the rear of said cushion; the material comprising said first and second parts being normally concealed from view and providing excess material for movement over said cushion when said cushion is sat upon by a user, said excess material contracting when said cushion is vacated.

Claim 10 (Pending) A cover in accordance with claim 9, wherein excess material formed by said first and said second parts may be disposed beneath a lower edge of a back panel of said sofa concealed from view; and a resilient elongated tube positioned over said excess material to distribute stress over the width of said cover portion to provide a contractive force through said first and second parts.